

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: H. NOJIMA Confirmation No.: 5549  
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For: STORAGE OPERATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
Group: 2168  
Examiner: G. Robinson

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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August 20, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2008, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 20, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.